

clearly embodies. I am pleased to join the chorus of tribute for a good friend and outstanding human being.

ON THE OCCASION OF THE RENAMING OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE BUILDING IN MEMORY OF PRESIDENT HARRY S TRUMAN

HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2000

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the day of a ceremony to name the U.S. Department of State building in Washington, D.C. after Missouri's Favorite Son, Harry S Truman, the 33rd President of the United States of America. I am proud to represent the 5th Congressional District of Missouri where Harry Truman spent most of his life. He grew up in Independence, ran a haberdashery in Kansas City, and in his later years helped with the family farm in Grandview, Missouri. He was a soft spoken man from the Midwest whose vision and leadership led to lasting world accomplishments benefitting the citizens of our country as well and the world.

Renaming the Department of State Building in our nation's Capital for President Harry S Truman is an appropriate tribute to a great leader. President Truman called his first year in office 'a year of decisions,' in dealing with the end of World War II, the beginning of the Cold War, and the founding of the United Nations. He was able to ensure national security while at the same time impacting a worldwide stage of engagement through the Truman Doctrine and the Marshall Plan to resist communist threats and revive the ailing economies of Europe after World War II. President Truman is credited as a leading force in the creation of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), an organization that has guaranteed peace throughout the Cold War and remains crucial to our nation's efforts to support democracies throughout the world.

A leader in so many aspects, President Truman's vision and accomplishment on a worldwide level are reflected in the relative tranquility we experience throughout all regions today. His willingness to confront difficult and complex issues and find solutions to questions facing our nation during the most difficult time of his presidency is an inspiration to me. When I look at his picture hanging in my office, I draw strength from his courage and determination to take responsibility for the tough choices he had to make for our country. I am confident this public symbol of renaming the Department of State Building for President Truman will similarly inspire world leaders of today to continue to shoulder the responsibilities of public office and rise to the challenges before each of them to benefit our world.

President Truman's legacy is appropriately captured in the Truman presidential Library located in the heart of my congressional district in Independence, Missouri. Last year I joined Secretary of State Madeleine Albright to commemorate the 50th anniversary of NATO and the accession of the Czech Republic, Hun-

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gary, and Poland to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. This momentous occasion brought home to the heartland the reality of the vision and leadership which President Truman demonstrated in foreign policy which the Clinton Administration continues today. The reflections of this century will duly note the uncompromising spirit of President Truman and his bold implementation of foreign policy initiatives which unquestionably changed the course of history. Whether it be through humanitarian efforts or demonstration of strength or consummation of alliances, Harry Truman fought for the common man both in our nation and abroad.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to President Harry S Truman by remaining the Department of State Building in Washington, D.C. in his memory. I, along with my colleagues from Missouri who cosponsored the enabling legislation, pay this tribute to President Truman to publicly acknowledge the Truman legacy. President Truman, we thank you for your service to our the United States and the world, and I say thank you Mr. President for giving them hell!

JUDE THADDEUS CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS POST 1975 ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2000

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Jude Thaddeus Catholic War Veterans Post 1675 in Toledo, Ohio. The post celebrates its anniversary this month. On June 12, 1950, a charter was granted to the Jude Thaddeus Post by the National Department of the Catholic War Veterans. Those first meetings were conducted in the loft of the St. Francis de Sales Parish near downtown Toledo. After traveling from parish to parish for a time, the Post sought a permanent home. Those original members got to work in rehabilitating a small building on Stickney Avenue in North Toledo, which became the organization's first headquarters. As the membership expanded the Post moved again, establishing a hall and canteen on North Toledo's vibrant Lagrange Street. Tragedy struck, however, when a fire destroyed the building in 1965. Nonetheless with the help of the Ladies Auxiliary and every single other veterans organization in the neighborhood as well as many in the greater Toledo area, the Jude Thaddeus Post was able to regroup, raise funds, and rebuild at its present location.

The Post strives to maintain its mission to serve veterans. Residents of the Ohio Veterans Home are regularly brought to the post home for meals and games. The Auxiliary helps out every month at the Toledo VA Outpatient Clinic. The Post makes all kinds of donations to veterans hospitals in Ohio, and it lends equipment such as wheelchairs, canes and walkers to area veterans in need.

Saint Jude Thaddeus is the patron saint of impossible tasks. Through all the Post's trials and hardships, its namesake stood as a bea-

con and reminder that anything could be accomplished with prayer, cooperation, and effort. All members of the Jude Thaddeus Post of the Catholic War Veterans are proud to say, "I belong" and put that strength of belonging into practice to achieve their loftiest goals.

As the members of the Post and Auxiliary take time to celebrate and reflect on fifty years of growth and change, remembering friends and families who may no longer be with them, reliving old glories and hardships, yet still looking forward to the future and its possibilities. I am pleased to represent our community as a part of the celebration. May I offer my own, our community's, and our nation's everlasting thanks to the members of the Jude Thaddeus Post and Auxiliary for their sacrifice in battle, and equally important, for their accomplishments in peace.

TRIBUTE TO LILLIAN L. ADAMS AND PETER J. MACERONI

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor four outstanding individuals for their exceptional and distinguished service in Macomb County: Lillian L. Adams, Executive Director of Sterling Heights Area Chamber of Commerce, the Honorable Peter J. Maceroni of the Macomb County Circuit Court, who are the year 2000 honorees for the 17th annual March of Dimes "Alexander Macomb citizens of the Year" award dinner and, Donna Greco Issa and Philip E. Greco of the Philip F. Greco Title Company who will receive the eighth annual "Family of the Year" award.

Lillian L. Adams has served 8 years as Executive Director of the St. Clair Shores Chamber of Commerce and 24 years in the same position at the Sterling Heights Area Chamber of Commerce. Her participation with the Macomb County Community Growth Alliance and the St. Joseph Mercy Community foundation has contributed to the growth of the county. Lillian is also a loyal supporter of the March of Dimes and the Kiwanis Club, along with serving on the boards of the Otsikita Girl Scouts and Macomb Symphony Orchestra. She is also a founding member of the Sterling Heights and Shelby Township Community Foundations, and is past president of the Utica Community Schools Foundation for Educational Excellence. I have been privileged to personally work with Lil Adams on a variety of community projects including the massive improvement to M-59 in Macomb County, the anti-drug program of the Utica Community Action Team and the widening of Van Dyke Avenue.

Judge Peter J. Maceroni, who was elected to the new Ninth Circuit Court Judgeship in 1990 and re-elected in 1996, was appointed to the Michigan Trial Court Assessment Commission by Governor John Engler. Judge Maceroni, as Chief Judge, is responsible for the supervision and operation of the entire Ninth District Court and instituted special programs for the video transmission of prisoner arraignment hearings. This video program has